

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 19, 20, and 27 by rewriting the same as follows:

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~~--1. (Four Times Amended) A system for serving information data over one or more channels to one or more end user devices, comprising:~~
~~a plurality of storage medium units for storing information data;~~
~~managing means for managing distribution of the information data to any one of the end user devices, wherein the managing means receives demand data relating to information data selected through at least one respective end user device, and wherein the managing means outputs distribution control data including channel information of the selected information data and routing information for said at least one end user device; and~~
~~routing means for connecting the one or more storage medium units to the at least one end user device, and for routing the selected information data from the storage medium units and the distribution control data from the managing means, wherein~~
~~the managing means manages the distribution of the information data from one or more of said storage medium units to an appropriate one or more of the end user device(s) in accordance with a predetermined number representing a number of said one or more end user devices such that the number of storage medium units utilized is increased when the number of end user device(s) exceeds the predetermined number.~~

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19. (Twice Amended) A system for serving information data over one or more channels to one or more end user devices, comprising:
 one or more storage medium units for storing information data;

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managing means for managing distribution of the information data to any one of the end user devices, wherein the managing means receives demand data relating to information data selected through at least one respective end user device, and wherein the managing means outputs distribution control data including channel information of the selected information data and routing information for said at least one end user device; and

routing means for connecting the one or more storage medium units to the at least one end user device, and for routing the selected information data from the storage medium units and the distribution control data from the managing means,

wherein said managing means selects a special play mode for supplying an altered sequence of scenes to the at least one end user device by switching channels for supplying the data information to the at least one end user device.

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20. (Twice Amended) A system for serving information data over one or more channels to one or more end user devices, comprising:

one or more storage medium units for storing information data;

managing means for managing distribution of the information data to any one of the end user devices, wherein the managing means receives demand data relating to information data selected through at least one respective end user device, and wherein the managing means outputs distribution control data including channel information of the selected information data and routing information for said at least one end user device; and

routing means for connecting the one or more storage medium units to the at least one end user device, and for routing the selected information data from the storage medium units and the distribution control data from the managing means,

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wherein said managing means selects a special play mode for supplying a mosaic of scenes to the at least one end user device by selecting scenes from different channels.

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27. (Three Times Amended) A system for serving information data over one or more channels to one or more end user devices, comprising:

one or more storage medium units for storing information data;

managing means for managing distribution of the information data to any one of the end user devices, wherein the managing means receives demand data relating to information data selected through at least one respective end user device, and wherein the managing means outputs distribution control data including channel information of the selected information data and routing information for said at least one end user device; and

routing means for connecting the one or more storage medium units to the at least one end user device, and for routing the selected information data from the one or more storage medium units and the distribution control data from the managing means, wherein

said distribution control data further includes backup control data for assigning one of said one or more storage medium units to supply the selected information data when another of said one or more storage medium units for supplying the selected information data is malfunctioning.--

Please cancel claim 30.

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 and 19-29 are in the present application. Claim 30 has been cancelled.

Claims 1, 19, 20, and 27 have been amended for clarification. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**" It is submitted that these